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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7071

BILL NUMBER: HB 1305

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 5, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Farm to school plan.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Friend

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Department of Education (DOE) to develop a "farm to school" plan for the purpose of providing children with locally produced foods in school breakfast, lunch, and snack programs.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill directs the DOE and State Board of Education to develop a "farm to school" plan to encourage schools to use locally produced foods in school nutrition programs. The plan must address issues such as the promotion and use of Indiana produced foods in schools, the factors that tend to discourage the use of Indiana's farm products in schools, and how to promote communication between school corporations and Indiana farmers. Information on the plan would be posted on the department's website.

A critical component of the plan would be the fiscal impact. Under the bill, DOE would implement (after a public hearing and review) any element of the plan that bears no additional costs. If an initiative would result in increased costs to a school corporation, the state superintendent is to refer the initiative to the General Assembly for consideration and funding beginning in FY 2013 and FY 2014.

The bill's requirements are within the DOE's and the State Board's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Dept of Education; State Board of Education; State Superintendent of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Schools.

Information Sources:

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